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Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 Twelfth St., S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: Notice of *Ex Parte* Presentation:  
Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service,  
CC Docket No. 96-45**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On December 19, 2006, Steve Mowery and Gene DeJordy with Alltel Communications met with Larry Landis, Commissioner of the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission and Federal-State Universal Service Joint Board Member, and Jennifer Richardson, staff of the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission and Joint Board, to discuss universal service reform proposals pending before the Joint Board.

At this meeting, the matters discussed were: the universal service funding reform proposals, including auctions; wireless carriers' use of universal service support furthers the goals of universal service in rural areas; the higher costs wireless carriers incur to serve rural areas; and a funding mechanism based upon an efficient carrier's cost of service, portability of support, and accountability. There were no written materials distributed.

Respectfully submitted,

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